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1. ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1966 MASTER SERGEANT PHAN, THEN A PRISONER OF THE PATRIOT LAO WAS WORKING OUTSIDE THE CAVE WHERE HE WAS BEING HELD AT BAN HANG LONG (VN 1532), APPROXIMATELY 13 KILOMETERS (NM)

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NORTHEAST OF BAN MEUA (VH 0157), WHEN HE WAS APPROACHED BY A PATHET
 LAC SOLDIER, [REDACTED] WHO HAD WALKED FROM THE
 AREA OF BAN MA KAY (VH 2357), APPROXIMATELY 19 KM EAST OF BAN MEUA.
 TO VISIT RELATIVES LIVING AT BAN HOUEI LONG (VH 0263). DURING THE
 EXCISING CONVERSATION [REDACTED] TOLD PHAM THAT THREE AMERICAN
 PRISONERS WERE BEING HELD IN A CAVE AT (VH 192553) NEAR BAN MA
 KAY AS WELL AS A [REDACTED] THAT NO ONE EVERYONE CAME TO LOOK AT.

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[REDACTED] WHO
 DEFECTED TO A FRIENDLY VAO GUERRILLA UNIT ON 9 SEPTEMBER, SAID THAT
 AS OF JANUARY THREE AMERICANS WERE IMPRISONED BY THE PATHET LAC
 AT (VH 192553, 1 KM SOUTH OF BAN MA KAY). ALL THE PRISONERS HAD
 BEEN CAPTURED IN HOUEI PHAM PROVINCE.

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2. [REDACTED] SAID THAT RECENTLY ONE OF THE AMERICAN
 PRISONERS [REDACTED] WHO COULD NOT EAT. THE AMERICANS WERE WELL
 FED, AND [REDACTED] A VIETNAMESE COOKED MEATS FOR
 [REDACTED] SAID HE HEARD HIGH-RANKING PATHET
 OFFICIALS OF THE AREA AND THAT PRISONERS COULD
 BE RELEASED IF THE FIGHTING ENDED.

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3. [REDACTED] SAID THAT ANY VAO GUERRILLA FACILITY WOULD BE
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